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1. The Reply Brief filed on Jan. 23, 1989 is not entered for the Reply Brief failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.193(b). Specifically, the "(reply) brief may include any amendment or material appropriate to the new ground". 37 CFR 1.193(b). Also, MPEP 1208.03 section 2 states that "(t)he appellant's reply, insofar as the new ground of rejection is concerned, may include any amendment or material appropriate to the new ground. Consideration will be limited to amendments and facts pertinent to the new ground of rejection. An amendment limited to the new ground of rejection is entitled to entry". (emphasis added).
2. The Reply Brief includes an amendment which is not pertinent to the new ground of rejection. The new ground of rejection set forth in the Examiner's Answer was directed to the interrupt aspect of the claimed invention. The nature, structure, and functions of the code processor program were not part of the new ground of rejection. Therefore, appellant's amendment which is directed to the nature, structure, and functions of the code processor program, inter alia, said code processor program ... comprising means for analyzing the character codes (claim 57), means for emitting an error message (claim 58), is not pertinent to the new ground of rejection. Entry of the Reply Brief is denied.
3. Appellant is allowed one month to correct the defect by filing a Supplemental Reply Brief. If Appellant disagrees with the ruling, Appellant may seek review by way of a petition under 37 CFR 1.181.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Lee whose telephone number is (703) - 557 - 2044.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) - 557 2878.


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